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This Bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, shows the monthly factory production in Victoria of certain commodities. For the purpose of the accompanying statistics a "factory" is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more hands are employed or in which power other than hand is used. Monthly averages for the years 1938-39, 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52 and monthly production for January to March, 1952 and 1953 are shown.

Many of the items included here are shown in greater detail in other publications of the Bureau.

Figures of the production of each of the commodities listed are given up to the latest available month. Figures up to 1950-51 inclusive are taken from the Government Statist's annual factory returns wherever possible. It should be noted that in some cases annual returns are accepted from factories for periods other than those ending on June 30th, each year.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Statistics of the following items are collected by the Authorities shown. All other items are collected by the Commonwealth or State Statistician.

Superphosphate	Commonwealth Department of Commerce and Agriculture.
Black Coal	Joint Coal Board.
Gold	State Department of Mines.
Beer	Commonwealth Department of Trade and Customs.
Tobacco, Cigars &	
Cigarettes	

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		1938-39	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	Jan.	Feb.	March	Jan.	Feb.	March
FUEL: Briquettes	ton	33,329	49,047	42,617	47,354	46,486	47,957	53,658	42,489	48,321	43,745
Black Coal	"	26,900	10,762	10,430	12,500	9,343	10,971	11,533	11,200	*13,935	
Brown Coal	"	303,624	636,410	608,347	674,995	645,541	659,692	735,739	620,435	645,755	675,850
HEAT, LIGHT & POWER:											
Gas made in Gasworks	mill.cub.ft.	694	896	954	1,035	913	912	979	907	873	998
Total Electricity Generated	mill. k.W.h.	102	226	240	244	222	233	245	233	239	267
BUILDING MATERIALS:											
Clay Bricks	'000	16,437	12,240	14,880	13,560	11,275	15,526	14,035	10,634	12,826	14,680
Fibrous Plaster Sheets (a)	'000 sq.yds.	273	504	551	545	419	567	* 562	391	506	516
Tiles - Cement	'000	252	1,595	1,894	1,941	1,555	2,033	*1,953	920	1,295	1,401
Terra Cotta	"	1,145	1,023	1,025	1,039	867	1,155	1,038	891	1,236	1,222
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS:											
Paints - Ready Mixed Paint	gal.	15,415	100,095	125,625	118,847	87,622	115,882	98,500	84,077	113,622	126,012
Lacquers (Nitro-Cell)	"	12,725	20,996	27,146	23,355	23,066	23,788	23,242	13,676	23,930	26,005
Thinners for Lacquers	"	16,553	30,603	37,362	39,395	34,957	49,678	46,719	31,541	47,491	40,258
Enamels (Nat. & Syn.)	"	5,251	42,821	39,130	48,837	39,034	40,705	*51,459	33,241	44,757	53,134
Water Paints	'000 lbs.	55	117	118	153	113	143	* 206	443	519	426
Soap - Household	cwt.	16,024	16,745	18,590	19,193	16,591	19,560	*19,547	12,093	18,159	17,348
Toilet & Hand	"	1,489	3,798	4,650	4,480	3,764	5,516	* 5,263	3,586	4,602	2,392
Flakes & Chips	"	..	1,715	2,763	2,308	1,774	2,554	* 2,276	1,178	..	2,568
Industrial	"	..	2,523	5,193	3,132	3,057	3,588	* 2,430	2,123	3,221	3,337
Sand	"	3,156	750	1,126	983	903	1,177	1,154	321	268	468
Soft	"	445	522	650	612	454	612	* 548	446	392	736
Liquid	"	..	1,369	2,336	2,559	2,353	2,323	* 2,162	2,367	2,440	2,772
Extracts & Powders	"	10,277	22,265	25,782	32,451	27,835	35,473	33,003	23,861	34,240	36,541
Superphosphate	ton	39,854	52,069	51,257	52,752	63,020	46,662	54,881	36,563	39,983	55,124
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	"	16,543	19,836	20,165	20,480	22,927	17,214	23,134	14,174	16,957	21,964
METALS: - Gold (Mine Production)	fine oz.	12,373	5,532	5,809	5,302	3,826	5,491	6,331	4,447	6,169	6,761
PERAMBULATORS: (Inc. Pushers & Strollers)	number	1,757	4,051	4,569	3,296	2,176	3,354	3,184	2,519	3,966	4,610
MATTRESSES:											
Woven Wire, Link Mesh & Spring	"	..	7,531	7,520	7,794	5,401	,8651	8,563	4,998	9,310	10,428
Inner Spring	"	639	5,115	6,690	7,649	5,190	8,540	* 9,614	7,668	10,962	11,581
Soft Filled & Other	"	..	9,974	11,260	8,337	5,210	7,836	* 9,066	5,499	8,038	8,553

(a) Factory production only.

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ENGINES - Other than Marine - Petrol and Other Light Oils - 2 H.P. and under 6 H.P.	number	..	383	383	371	337	383	389	293	515	411
ELECTRIC MOTORS: (a)											
Under 1 H.P.	"	..	4,971	6,546	7,598	5,478	6,922	7,416	4,632	7,874	7,945
1 H.P. and under 2½ H.P.	"	..	828	743	666	466	1,119	631	491	214	440
2½ " " 5 H.P.	"	..	429	369	311	195	500	310	170	132	222
5 " " 10 H.P.	"	..	122	182	171	118	95	230	59	121	214
10 " and over	"	..	43	42	44	25	41	66	19	47	43
ELECTRIC APPLIANCES:											
Electric Toasters (Domestic)	"	..	7,370	6,992	7,355	3,208	5,682	3,226	4,793	7,236	7,512
Electric Hot Water Jugs (Complete)	"	..	12,431	11,953	13,294	10,495	15,647	13,494	3,441	9,782	9,637
Radios (Portable, Mantel, Table, Console)	"	5,227	6,890	9,462	4,501	2,627	*4,076	2,583	3,094	3,815	5,969
Radiograms (all types)	"	)	(1,291	1,555	1,070	322	666	485	746	1,486	1,717
Domestic Clothes Washing Machines	"	..	..	364	577	334	299	267	385	745	914
BUILDING FITTINGS:											
Stoves - Solid Fuel (b)	"	1,439	1,115	1,317	1,401	928	1,634	1,535	634	1,040	1,061
Gas (b)	"	1,987	1,393	1,366	1,138	757	..	1,080	650	873	1,000
Coppers - Gas	"	..	810	836	579	223	576	633	359	628	688
Electric	"	..	365	858	460	213	214	246	..	192	368
Bath Heaters - Solid Fuel	"	..	798	812	743	367	747	* 800	321	465	619
Gas	"	..	706	716	554	483	472	606	401	613	537
Electric	"	..	124	381	238	180	210	167	131	216	261
Sink Heaters - Electric	"	..	467	763	461	276	332	372	157	207	278
Sinks, Stainless Steel	"	..	4,160	5,372	5,535	3,793	5,767	*5,469	3,684	5,577	6,193
PEDAL CYCLES: (made and/or assembled)	"	..	..	3,874	2,476	1,974	2,024	*1,877	1,334	2,419	2,442
FLOOR COVERINGS:											
Wool Felt & Carpets	'000 sq.yds.	..	132	137	108	67	91	82	83	161	147

(a) Figures include all motors made and incorporated in other products of the manufacturers.

(b) Household and commercial cooking stoves in 1938-39, thereafter household cooking stoves only.



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COTTON SEWING THREAD: (counts over 12)	lb.	..	45,695	64,461	67,531	45,465	59,349	63,150	38,656	55,974	60,180
COTTON TEXTILES: Cotton Tweeds	sq.yd.	154,435	80,017	81,994	80,964	84,427	87,781	63,952	21,137	36,119	47,678
Drills, Jeans, etc.	"	..	244,296	220,175	229,244	153,107	182,617	176,616	182,464	255,078	243,959
WOOL: Scoured and carbonised wool	'000 lb.	3,172	5,492	4,691	3,902	3,588	4,168	* 3,879	3,486	4,172	4,966
Wool Tops	"	936	1,132	1,100	839	648	717	541	573	931	1,053
Yarn - Worsted	"	612	1,055	1,010	823	593	685	* 611	578	941	1,004
Woollen	"	731	1,188	1,120	875	617	791	* 696	547	914	901
WOOL TEXTILES: Woven Cloth - Worsted	'000 sq.yds.	)	( 623	622	555	439	513	465	321	515	541
Woollen	"	) 1,266	( 882	841	564	485	662	548	451	737	731
Other (a)	"	)	( 186	149	110	64	88	74	125	189	229
Blankets	number	49,563	89,181	98,667	66,321	42,266	62,117	55,358	20,780	43,549	44,446
Rugs	"	6,459	5,857	5,536	3,442	1,104	1,867	1,512	1,164	2,361	3,686
HOSIERY: Women's, Maids' Girls'											
Fully Fashioned	doz.pr.	..	79,907	87,128	91,421	69,578	92,304	*86,942	66,525	110,389	125,864
Circular	"	..	7,173	7,041	6,458	4,241	5,263	4,580	4,867	10,923	12,263
Anklelets	"	..	23,321	24,391	18,656	12,349	14,932	12,685	18,933	29,976	34,363
Men's & Boys'	"	..	80,459	105,380	95,468	56,106	87,523	77,951	69,507	110,108	114,547
Children's	"	..	39,233	38,266	32,216	29,371	26,658	28,454	16,415	30,954	33,760
KNITTED UNDERWEAR: (b) Men's	doz.	)	(39,371	36,324	39,916	29,854	34,874	*35,801	17,815	25,941	29,923
Women's	"	) 91,941	(57,581	74,732	68,436	49,060	72,281	*66,659	38,537	57,952	61,519
Children's	"	)	(24,534	25,618	25,029	20,902	27,512	*22,415	15,047	20,883	26,610
FOUNDATION GARMENTS: Corsets	"	9,045	3,581	4,686	5,713	5,208	5,370	4,252	3,038	5,256	5,720
Corselets	"	1,151	627	440	445	329	459	428	183	366	243
Brassieres	"	15,473	13,525	15,887	15,648	11,429	15,569	15,062	8,571	14,232	17,978
CLOTHING (except knitted):											
Shirts - Men's and Boys'	"	22,581	24,885	27,717	29,110	20,717	29,517	*20,622	7,746	20,509	24,607
Pajama Suits - Men's and Boys'	"	6,097	6,496	5,292	6,454	5,361	7,416	* 7,736	2,650	6,564	5,315
GLOVES (not rubber): Dress - Leather	doz.pr.	77	2,268	1,792	1,099	505	734	* 1,061	1,213	1,836	2,096
Other	"	..	2,154	2,889	3,021	1,657	2,441	* 3,269	2,652	3,923	4,979
Work	"	1,187	1,204	1,209	1,565	1,126	1,742	2,048	635	1,290	1,264
FOOTWEAR (Not rubber): Boots & Shoes	'000 pr.	622	604	670	659	483	641	* 649	386	619	661
Sandals	"	..	64	61	62	43	29	* 20	19	22	11
Slippers	"	352	373	361	308	224	264	* 295	216	291	302
FUR FELT HATS (Complete): Men's and Boys'	doz.	3,190	3,613	3,421	2,955	1,098	2,429	2,606	1,382	2,018	2,751

(a) Includes Worsted and Woollen Mixtures and other mixtures predominantly of Wool.

(b) Made in knitting mills until June 1952. Thereafter includes underwear made from knitted piece goods.



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FOOD, DRINK & TOBACCO:											
Flour (from Wheat)	short ton	36,402	37,315	37,416	45,471	46,134	45,267	47,362	49,776	45,622	42,791
Bran (from Wheat)	"	7,937	7,466	7,312	9,009	9,225	8,994	9,195	9,375	8,779	8,012
Pollard (from Wheat)	"	7,515	7,658	7,424	9,259	9,249	8,927	9,565	11,151	9,630	9,151
Biscuits	'000 lb.	1,697	2,786	2,819	3,383	2,290	3,604	3,490	2,135	3,430	3,230
Confectionery - Chocolate Basis	"	1,121	2,666	2,213	1,898	1,072	1,629	1,815	997	1,437	1,754
Other	"	1,589	2,128	2,129	2,313	1,721	2,322	2,127	1,584	2,054	2,247
Beef and Veal	ton	9,499	10,384	11,384	11,392	11,564	12,308	13,157	9,560	10,248	11,382
Lamb	"	4,890	5,582	3,917	3,669	3,983	2,798	2,983	4,099	2,913	3,278
Mutton	"	6,454	6,773	4,670	5,259	7,621	7,431	6,376	11,057	11,152	9,529
Pork	"	897	554	633	716	700	724	798	492	526	710
Bacon & Ham (Cured Weight)	"	614	661	659	632	581	587	677	475	511	554
Total Meat (in terms of fresh)	"	23,688	24,401	21,500	21,895	24,658	24,059	24,235	25,854	25,534	25,652
Butter (factory only)	"	4,718	5,282	4,832	4,980	6,351	4,452	3,377	6,755	4,808	3,624
Cheese (factory only)	"	720	1,774	1,881	1,840	2,380	1,567	1,193	2,745	1,804	1,234
Processed Milk Products -											
Condensed Full-Cream Milk - Sweetened	'000 lb.	} 2,005	7,076	6,796	7,340	8,423	5,050	5,561	( 9,489	5,900	5,459
Unsweetened	"								( 996	..	1,102
Powdered Full-Cream Milk	"	..	2,803	2,165	2,524	2,767	2,309	1,389	2,893	1,751	1,223
Other Processed Wholemilk Products (a)	"	..	1,289	1,799	1,495	2,594	2,205	1,386	2,474	1,852	1,788
Ice Cream	'000 gals.	89	328	429	397	764	638	365	628	517	478
Beer	"	2,621	4,143	4,434	4,728	5,542	5,210	5,103	6,057	5,462	5,584
Oatmeal & Rolled or Crushed Oats	cwt.	11,786	15,128	13,473	10,387	3,350	6,322	16,283	14,687	21,253	27,778
Prepared Breakfast Foods (wheat)	"	4,053	12,222	11,026	10,318	9,856	12,098	11,169	10,105	12,646	11,367
Edible Starch (Maize and Wheat)	"	..	7,997	8,298	7,686	5,879	8,735	9,809	5,756	7,839	8,264
Margarine - Table	"	1,871	1,569	886	1,222	951	1,093	1,321	674	601	817
Other	"	5,403	6,926	5,507	6,403	4,019	5,239	* 5,726	3,219	4,105	5,206
Malt - Barley & Wheaten	'000 (b)	202	307	309	323	300	280	315	303	291	345
Jams, Conserves & Jellies (c)	'000 lb.	4,131	5,917	5,848	4,940	15,844	8,622	4,578	10,716	7,018	3,522
Canned Apricots, Peaches, Pears (c)	"	7,901	7,967	8,449	9,894	14,702	26,115	51,824	12,513	22,087	55,692
Green Peas	"	80	225	293	487	1,319	..	..	70	..	..
Tomatoes,	"	99	377	181	389	..	1,613	2,006	..	750	1,179
Other Vegetables	"	333	1,572	2,432	2,450	1,605	1,825	* 1,520	699	482	783
Tomato Juice	'000 gals.	..	34	22	88	5	128	234	319	398	383
Sauce	"	88	136	130	129	107	201	242	68	224	262
Soup	"	47	176	210	265	192	782	875	52	402	560
Tobacco, Cigars & Cigarettes (d)	'000 lb.	634	869	867	838	863	870	872	926	1,051	1,093

(a) Includes Infants' and Invalids' Food. (b) Bushels of 40 lb. (c) Includes Tasmanian Production.

(d) Victorian factory production in 1938-39, thereafter quantities on which excise duty is paid.